

Fair and warmer tonight.
Saturday cloudy and
warmer.

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FEDERAL PENURY HITS WITNESSES IN LAND FRAUDS

Allowed But \$1.25 a Day,
200 Westerners Are
in Want.

Indignant at Usage, But
Must Remain Here
for Months.

Two hundred Westerners, residents of California and Oregon, who have been summoned to Washington as witnesses in the Hyde-Person-Diamond-Schneider land fraud cases, about 25 per cent. of whom are women, are practically stranded in Washington.

The howl that they are putting up reverberates through the corridors of the courthouse, and the indignation of the Westerners that their Congressmen did not look out for them when the urgent deficiency bill was put through has made more than one member of Congress shake in his political shoes. Justice Day of the Supreme Court has been quoted by one of the witnesses as declaring that the niggardly manner in which these witnesses are treated is a disgrace on the Government.

Principals Have Advantage.

The principals in the now famous land fraud case are at their liberty. Although under \$10,000 bonds, the jurors, taken from their occupations and families probably for four months, and the witnesses, called from their homes and work in the Far West, are stranded in a strange city.

They feel sure that the lady in the flowing robes with the balance in one hand and the sword in the other, cannot see through that cloth that covers her eyes.

The urgent deficiency bill, while it allowed unlimited funds for the trial of the case, and the incident's expense, carefully restricted the expenses which should be allowed the witnesses summoned from the Pacific coast. They are allowed their railroad fares, portage, baggage express, meals en route, and the magnificent sum of \$1.25 a day to live on while in Washington.

Many of these witnesses will be obliged to stay in the city for months until they are called to testify, and most of them, used to comfortable homes and good salaries in the West, are feeling the pinch due to their restricted living expenses.

The amount allowed them by the Government is, to the majority of witnesses, their only means of subsistence in this city, and, when it is considered that this \$1.25 "must cover all their living expenses," it looks like a strange city, the amount looks very small.

No Aid Is Available.

Every day many of the witnesses go to the office of the United States marshal at City Hall and draw the \$1.25 which must last them till the next day, when they repeat the operation. The protest of these witnesses at the manner in which they have been dragged from their homes and occupations in the West and left to struggle along on the small per diem allowed them, is coming more and more pronounced every day.

Many of them have called on their Representatives and Senators in the Capitol and urged them to do something for them, but they were told that the entire matter was cared for in the urgency deficiency bill, and they are powerless to assist them. These witnesses are emphatic in their denunciation of representatives who were so blind to the interests of their own constituents that they allowed the niggardly restrictions of the bill covering the land fraud trial to pass without a move to better the conditions.

In most cases the Government provides hotel accommodations for witnesses which it summons from a distance, and but for the restrictions in the bill just passed this probably would have been done in the present case.

Women who were summoned from California and Oregon at short notice, with little or no money, and who reached Washington, begrimed with the long trip, but under the provisions of the bill could not even be allowed enough money to have their dresses pressed.

The deputy marshals have been driven almost distracted by the appeals of the witnesses, but are powerless to aid them, much as they would like to.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE
EXPECTED OUT SHORTLY

No apprehension is felt for Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, who has been ill for several days. The Senator is confined to his house in California street, but is expected to be out in a few days.

He will not travel, but will return immediately to his duties after he has sufficiently regained his health.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

High pressure and cool weather continues east of the Mississippi river, while toward westward pressure is low, with comparatively high temperatures in the plains States.

There were heavy frosts in the middle Atlantic States, Virginia, and the extreme northern portion of North Carolina. Showers continued in the South, and were also quite general in the lower Missouri valley, the central portions of the plains States, the Rocky mountain region, and the north Pacific States.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh southeast to south winds with generally fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURES.

9 a. m.	44
12 noon	52
1 p. m.	53
2 p. m.	55

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	5:20
Sun sets	5:40

TIDE TABLE.

High water	8:52 p. m.
Low water	3:25 a. m.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All rail routes, both ways, both days, except Royal Mail, City Offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Penna. Ave.—Adv.

OKLAHOMANS LAND; ANIMATED BASSOONS

Hundred and Thirteen Roaring Enthusiasts Right on
Job From White House to Anacostia—Their
Town "Growin' Awful Fast."

Headed by a brass band, covered with boosters' buttons, and substantially Tulsa's host of the largest supply of natural gas in the world, 113 roaring, enthusiastic, and wide awake Oklahomans blew into Washington this morning and intend whooping things up for the baby State until tomorrow night.

Their special train composed of five cars never used before, was swathed in banners bearing the promise of Tulsa, in red letters and calculated to make you wonder why you are in Washington instead of Oklahoma.

The boosters, who are spending \$12,000 and two weeks from what they term the "gold mine of the universe," were met at the Raleigh by President Harper, Capt. James F. Oyster, Chapin Brown, W. S. Hoge, T. C. Dulin and D. J. Callahan, of the Chamber of Commerce, who extended them a cordial welcome.

Mayor William Rhode, who is driving the boosting cart, thanked President Harper and the other members of the executive committee.

Received at White House.

The Tulsans, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, escorted by their brass band and accompanied by Senators Gore and Owen, went to the White House, where they were received by the President.

The former Rough Rider and cowboy recognized many old friends, shook their hands heartily, and told them how glad he was to see them again. The ceremony was held in the White House proper, and not in the executive office like most delegations.

Tonight the Tulsans will be given a reception in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Tomorrow morning, northward. The District Commissioners, Senators and Representatives, and chiefs of police and fire departments will tell the Oklahomans some interesting facts on how the District government is conducted. Several prominent members of the Chamber of Commerce will give

short talks on industrial and commercial subjects.

During their stay in Washington some of the legal lights in the band will appear before the committees of the Senate and House and urge the passage of the bill repealing the restrictions on the Indian lands, which provides that the property be opened to the whites as well as the Five Civilized Nations. Senator Owen, who spent some time with the Oklahomans at the Raleigh and shook hands with each member of the delegation, told them this morning that the House was favorable to the bill and that two Senators would agree to its enactment into law.

"13" Follows Them.

The boosters left Tulsa on Monday, April 13, at 10:15 o'clock, entering St. Louis on track 22 at 6:12 at night. The 113 men were glad to know that their train was shifted into Union Station at 9:33 o'clock this morning on track 13.

"We don't know what a hoodoo is," said Attorney Philip Kates, one of the most enthusiastic boosters, and tireless workers. "We make this trip because our town is growing so fast we are getting afraid. Tulsa has the greatest resources of any city in the West. Its population has increased 15,000 in six years, and promises to double that within the next five years. We have so many thriving industries, so vast physical resources, and fertile land that we are swinging around the country to get ideas from every city of size so as to know what to do. We are also looking for people to come out, showing the good things with us. We are giving away natural gas on this trip, but out in Tulsa we supply it for 2 cents a thousand feet. Come over."

The boosters have an exhibit car in which peaches, wheat, alfalfa, corn, and other vegetables and trees are growing. There are also exhibits showing the State's mineral and oil resources. A daily paper is printed in one of the cars, with the title "Oklahoma News." The exhibit car is too large for the tunnels around Washington, and it could not be brought here.

Not Demanded by Commerce.

In answer to the argument in favor of the project that it would aid in regulating commerce and it would serve to preserve the streams in a navigable condition by regulating and making perpetual the flow of streams, Judge Jenkins reports:

"Every person interested knows that Congress does not intend by the purchase or by the acquisition of the lands to take any steps affirmatively toward the improvement of the rivers affected; that the improvement of navigation will go on just the same with or without the acquisition of the lands, and the talk of the improvement of commerce is to secure the land for forest purposes, and the improvement of navigation or commerce. It is a matter of common knowledge that the purchase of the lands will not bring commerce; that the increase of the flow of streams is not called for in the interest of commerce; that many of the streams are navigable as instrumentalities of commerce."

Under ideal weather conditions Lieutenant Frank Lahm weighed anchor today and sailed off in Signal Corps ballon No. 19 on an experimental cruise. Accompanying Lieutenant Lahm were Captain Van Horn, attaché to the President, Lieutenant Selfridge, of the Coast Artillery, and Ralph Collins, the representative of the Washington Times at the State, War and Navy Departments.

Captain Van Horn is deeply interested in the subject of balloons and his observations on the trip will be reported to the President. Lieutenant Selfridge also is a student of aerial navigation and is desirous of learning the possibilities of adapting that method of warfare to the coast artillery branch of the service.

The big yellow envelope was filled with gas at Twelfth and M streets southeast. The inflation was begun at 10:30 o'clock this morning, but it was almost 2 o'clock before the bag was full. Captain De Forest Chandler was in command of the operation, and the work of Sergeant Ward and ten men from Fort Myer.

When the score of sand bags were tossed overboard and the ballon rose rapidly about 1,000 feet, there was a stiff wind blowing from the southeast, carrying the ballon in the direction of Chesley Chase. The occupants of the big basket had on board extra clothing and sufficient food to last twenty-four hours. The immense telephotograph, with which observers are enabled to take photographs at a distance of twenty miles, was not carried along. Captain Collins has his own camera with a powerful lens.

The trip being purely experimental the officers will make no attempt to break either speed or distance records. A portion of the time will be taken up with instruments to determine the altitude, the air pressure, and the rate of speed.

Among the distinguished spectators at the ascension were Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who is devoting much of his time at present to the perfection of an aeroplane, and Captain Lee, who rode to the President. Captain Lee arrived on the scene prepared to make the ascension with the other officers, but he decided to postpone the trip until the next time as the party had already been completed.

CLIPS ONE MINUTE
FROM OCEAN RECORD

NEW YORK, April 17.—Just a single minute was knocked off the transatlantic record for the long course on the westward voyage from Europe by the giant Cunard liner Mauretania, which sailed today, and was just the one minute, also which allowed the Mauretania to establish a record of being the first steamer to complete the southern passage in less than five days.

Her record for the 2,880 mile course was 4 days 23 hours and 21 minutes. The Lusitania, her sister ship, made the voyage in five days flat. The average speed for the Mauretania's trip was 24.66 knots an hour.

Extra Easter Train Service

From Atlantic City via Pennsylvania Railroad. Leave Atlantic City 4:45 p. m. Easter Sunday, April 19, connecting with special train to Philadelphia, leaving Philadelphia, Philadelphia, 6:40 p. m., for Chester, Wilmington, Baltimore and Washington, stopping at intermediate stations for which there are passengers.—Adv.

FOREST RESERVE PLAN UNLAWFUL, COMMITTEE AVERS

Jenkins Says Commerce
Does Not Demand Appa-
lachian Tracts.

States Would Waive
Rights for Material
Advantage.

With an adverse report of fourteen printed pages, crowded with legal lore, the House Committee on Judiciary killed the plan to have the United States Government buy blocks of mountains from New England to Florida and convert them into a gigantic national forest reserve.

Judge John J. Jenkins, chairman of the committee, is author of the report, which recommends no action on the project, for the reason that the Federal Government, under the terms of the Constitution, has no right to establish such a reserve. Had the project been carried through it would have cost more than \$1,000,000 and would have resulted in the Government buying a large part of the Appalachian and White Mountain ranges.

Such a forest reserve has been advocated by the governors of the States interested, by nearly 1,000 commercial and business bodies and by a majority of the members of Congress from the States affected by the proposed improvement. In addition to this, members of the Judiciary Committee have been overwhelmed with letters from the valleys in both sides of the ranges, urging that the reserve be established.

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Turning to this side of the question, the committee denies outright that Congress has the right to go into the States affected and acquire the lands for forest purposes, saying that, if this were done, the "bars would be let down" and all powers and rights of the States could be dispensed with. The committee takes this shot at some of the States affected.

"Some of the States of the Union have been very generous in their excessive Federal power, but raise no voice against its exercise when the benefits accrue to them. Forever hereafter they should hold their peace."

LAYS MURDER CHARGE
ON WIFE'S JEALOUSY

PELHAM, N. Y., April 17.—Frank Monaco, arrested in Huntington, Ind., charged with the murder of Julius T. Rosenheimer, an aged millionaire, last June, still insists that he is the victim of his wife's jealousy. He declares that he did not kill Rosenheimer, and that his wife's "confession" is simply a plot on her part to get him out of the way.

Incidentally it became known today that the "woman in the case," Mrs. Monaco, is the former Miss Marie, who in 1891, at Middletown, N. Y., tried to prove an alibi for her brother Fred McGuire. Competent witnesses showed beyond question that the woman lied.

Monaco was taken to the White Plains jail today to await the action of the grand jury. He is well educated and has worked in this vicinity for several years. He served six months in Goshen jail for shooting at a foreman of the New York Central railroad, for whom he worked and who had reproved him.

BUGUS SOLICITORS
SOUGHT BY POLICE

Central Office detectives today are looking for two men who are reported to have been soliciting subscriptions for the aid of victims of the Chelsea fire. The men called at the home of George Howard, 124 H street northwest, and representing themselves to be raising money for the relief of the fire victims, asked Howard to donate whatever he was able. When asked for their credentials, the men fled.

It is thought that they are the two men who called at 1308 Park road yesterday afternoon and attempted to gain entrance to the house by claiming that they had been sent there by E. N. Richards to do some wall papering. When they were told that no such work was to be done, they ran away.

CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN WORSE.

LONDON, April 17.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is much worse today. He passed a restless night and is gradually growing weaker.

Special Tour to Cape May

Over Easter via Pennsylvania Railroad. Leaves Washington April 18. \$13.50 round trip, covering transportation and one and three-quarter days' board at New Hotel Cape May.—Adv.

F. J. GOULDS PART; DIVORCE EXPECTED

Millionaire Said to Be
Jealous of Comment
Over Wife's Beauty.

Childhood Sweethearts
Had Stormy Married
Life of Six Years.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Jealous because of the homage paid to his beautiful wife, Frank Jay Gould, master of \$30,000,000, has left his Fifth Avenue home and is said that papers have been served looking to a legal separation of the young couple.

The actual parting took place Wednesday, when, leaving his wife and her two children at their mansion, 338 Fifth Avenue, Mr. Gould went to the Plaza Hotel, where he gave orders that his presence was to be denied to all inquirers.

Questioned as to the separation, Delancey Nicolai, who is counsel for Mr. Gould, would not say positively that an action for separation was in progress. Nor would he deny it.

"I cannot talk of the affairs of my clients unless they wish me to," said Mr. Nicolai. "I will not discuss this matter in any way."

Gould to Leave City.

Pending the settlement of their marital difficulties, Mrs. Gould, it is declared, has already begun to pack baggage for a trip to the South. Mr. Gould, it is said, will also leave New York till the courts decide as to his future status.

Up to a month ago Mr. and Mrs. Gould and their children made their home at the Plaza. It was then reported that they were not living happily, but when their own home was ready for occupancy their departure put an end for the time to the report that they were about to separate.

Mrs. Gould had frequented the hotel Wednesday, as she frequently had done since her husband's departure. There was nothing to indicate that the relations between her husband and herself had become strained.

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Married Six Years.

Although they have been married only six years, the affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould have attracted a great deal of attention. From time to time there have been reports of trouble, and in October, 1902, they had reached such a condition "as I was said papers for a separation had been prepared."

At that time Mrs. Gould suddenly left Lindhurst, where she had been with her husband, while he prepared for a long vacation trip. If any action was contemplated at that time, however, it was ended by the intervention of one of the Gould family councils.

Soon there was more friction in the family, which ended in Frank Gould leaving his mother-in-law the privilege of entering his home. In a statement issued at the time he said he was going to run the house, and that one else, and that as Mrs. Kelly had seen fit to talk about his affairs it was just as well for him to declare his position.

10,000 Easter Lilies, \$1.50 Doz.

If called for. Kramer, the Florist, 215 F. St.—Adv.

ALDRICH MEASURE LAND ON TABLE BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Revolt of Western Mem-
bers Makes Outlook for
Legislation Doubtful.

Majority Ready to Call
Caucus—Leaders
May Press Bill.

The Aldrich bill met its doom in the House Committee on Banking and Currency, today, when it was laid on the table.

Consideration was given by the committee to the Fowler currency commission bill, but no report was agreed upon.

Just what will be done now to get some sort of emergency currency legislation is impossible to say. All the preliminary steps necessary for holding the caucus of House Republicans to decide on what bill shall be passed have been taken. The House leaders are in favor of the Aldrich bill, but a revolt of the Western members has put matters in such bad shape that it is not certain that the "rebels" can be held in line for the measure even by caucus action.

After tabling the Aldrich bill the committee considered whether or not it should stick by recommendations that the Fowler bill be passed. On this, however, no conclusion was reached, and the committee adjourned after agreeing that Representative Vreeland of New York, who has introduced a substitute for the Aldrich bill, shall be heard by the committee after the Aldrich bill and makes commercial paper a security for emergency currency.

It now seems extremely probable that the House leaders, if they consider such a course possible, will disregard the Committee on Banking and Currency, and take whatever action they can in the caucus to force through some sort of an emergency bill.

FRENCH KILL 125 MOORS;
LOSE TWENTY-EIGHT

PARIS, April 17.—A French officer and twenty-seven men and at least 125 Berbers were killed in a battle on the Plain of Tameit in Algeria, yesterday, according to an official report from the scene of the fighting.

The French column had been posted for some time on a height overlooking the plain, where the Berbers and nomad Arabs were encamping. The natives began the conflict with a series of desperate charges, but were beaten off and pursued for miles.

LOWERED BY HIS FEET
SAVES YOUTH FROM FIRE

NEW YORK, April 17.—In a fire which damaged the apartment house at 725 Third Avenue, today the firemen made a heroic and spectacular rescue.

George Dietz, aged nineteen years, stood on the sill of a fifth story window while the flames roared around him, and the smoke almost hid him from sight. A fireman crawled head foremost over the eaves of the roof while another clung at his ankles, and kept him from falling into the street fifty feet below.

The suspended fireman was lowered until he could grasp Dietz, then they were both hauled to safety.

POISON SUSPECTED;
SENT BOMB THROWER

NEW YORK, April 17.—An analysis is being made at Bellevue laboratory today of the bottle of grape juice one of Felix Silverstein's sisters tried to give to the bomb thrower in his prison ward last night.

Silverstein and his sister insist that the bottle contained pure grape juice, but the hospital authorities continue to suspect that there is poison in it. They are strengthened in this opinion by the fact that Silverstein took to his bed after he ate his dinner. But for Nurse Joseph Tracey's watchfulness they say no one would have known that he had it.

Though the girl greeted Silverstein cordially when permitted to see him last night, it is remembered, too, that she prayed at first that he might succumb to his injuries.

The doctors think there is now no chance of this, despite the fact that he is minus an eye and still is suffering from his fractured skull and several other broken bones.

ITALIAN CRUISER SOLD,
IT IS SAID, TO URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, April 17.—The Italian cruiser Fieramosca, which is in port here at present, may not sail again under the Italian flag. Negotiations have been under way for purchasing the cruiser, and it is reported today that the sale has been consummated.

It is said that all of the preliminary details of the transfer of ownership have been arranged.

Immense Stock of Easter Flowers

Reasonable prices. Shaffer, 14th and I.—Adv.

Cape May at Easter

Is charming. Delightful climate and attractive surroundings. Special \$12.50 via Pennsylvania Railroad from Washington April 18. Covers railroad fare and hotel from Saturday dinner until after breakfast Monday morning.—Adv.

Easter Tour to Cape May

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. April 18. \$13.50 round trip from Washington, covers transportation and one and three-quarter days' board. Contract E. M. Newbold, F.A.S.E.D., 15th and G sts.—Adv.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY
IN HOUSES OF CONGRESS

IN THE SENATE.

The naval appropriation bill was sent over from the House and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The District Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriation Committee practically completed its work today on the District appropriation bill, which will be reported tomorrow.

Senator Gallinger introduced the Commission bill, regulating the testing of electric meters.

Senator Carter, from the Committee on Postoffices, reported the postal savings bank bill.

The Senate considered the bill to regulate the issue of injunctions affecting State laws by the lower Federal courts.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House considered the diplomatic and consular appropriations bill.

The Lilley investigating committee examined Benjamin Webster, Mr. Lilley's private secretary.

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce reported the omnibus lighthouse bill, carrying \$50,000.

Judge Jenkins, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted an adverse report on the Appalachian forestry bill.

The Aldrich currency bill was laid on the table by the Committee on Banking and Currency.